

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-7 and 9 as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A bracket for a wall opening fall protection support system for use with a rail, the bracket comprising:

a unitary bracket body defining a mounting substantially planar first portion
~~having a contact surface~~ having a first end, a second end ~~distal from~~ opposite the first end, and a middle portion between the first end and the second end, ~~wherein the first end and the second end are substantially coplanar with the middle portion, and a top surface opposite the contact surface; and~~

the unitary bracket body further defining a fixed substantially planar second portion, wherein the second portion defines a support portion extending orthogonally from the top surface of the mounting portion; a substantially planar retaining portion extending from the mounting support portion, the retaining portion being substantially coplanar with the support portion; and a fixed locking element extending from the retaining portion,

wherein the substantially planar second portion of the unitary bracket body is rigidly affixed to the substantially planar first portion at an orthogonal angle.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~mounting~~ substantially planar first portion of the bracket lies on only one side of the plane defined by the support portion of the substantially planar second portion.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the support portion, the retaining portion, and the ~~mounting~~ first portion define an opening for receiving the rail.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the support portion, the retaining portion, and the ~~mounting~~ first portion define an opening that is 2 inches by 4 inches.
5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the support portion, the retaining portion, and the ~~mounting~~ first portion define an opening that is 4 inches by 4 inches.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a ~~second~~ mounting third portion that is disposed at 90 degrees with respect to the ~~mounting~~ first portion.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the ~~second mounting~~ third portion is coplanar with the support portion.
8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the bracket further includes engagement means for inhibiting motion of the rail with respect to the bracket.
9. (Previously Presented) A wall opening fall protection support system comprising:
a unitary bracket body defining a first substantially planar mounting first portion ~~having a contact surface~~ having a first end, a second end ~~distal from~~ opposite the first end, and a middle portion between the first end and the second end, ~~wherein the first end~~

~~and the second end are substantially coplanar with the middle portion, and a top surface opposite the contact surface;~~

the unitary bracket body further defining a fixed substantially planar second portion, wherein the second portion defines a support portion, extending orthogonally from the top surface of the mounting portion; a second substantially planar mounting portion disposed at 90 degrees with respect to the first substantially planar mounting portion and coplanar with the fixed substantially planar support portion; a fixed substantially planar retaining portion extending from the mounting support portion, the retaining portion being substantially coplanar with the support portion; and a fixed locking element extending from the retaining portion; and wherein the substantially planar second portion of the unitary bracket body is rigidly affixed to the substantially planar first portion at an orthogonal angle;

the unitary bracket body further defining a third portion that is substantially coplanar with the second portion, wherein the third portion is rigidly affixed to the first portion; and

a rail, wherein the support portion, the retaining portion, the locking element and the ~~second mounting~~ third portion define an opening for receiving the rail.

10. (CANCELLED)